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SUBJECT: AUGUST 26 SYRIAN MEDIA DENOUNCES SADAT INTERVIEW
CALLING FOR END TO STATE OF WAR

1. SYRIAN MEDIA CITED REMARKS BY PRESIDENT SADAT DURING INTERVIEW WITH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT EXPRESSING HIS WILLINGNESS TO END STATE OF WAR AND CONCLUDE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST SUGGESTED COMMENTS MADE BY SADAT EVIDENCE EGYPTIAN LEADER HAD "LOST ALL FEELINGS OF CONNECTION WITH HIS PEOPLE AND WITH GOALS OF HIS NATION AND HAS ABANDONED EVERY OBLIGATION TO ARABISM AND TO FATEFUL CAUSES OF HIS NATION. THE LEADERS OF ISRAEL AND AMERICA ARE PLEASED WITH SADAT BUT VERDICT OF MASSES WILL BE DIFFERENT." AL-BAATH WRITER DENOUNCED SADAT, ASSERTING THAT "NOTHING IS MORE GRAVE THAN OFFICIAL PEACE WITH ENEMY."

2. TISHRIIN COLUMNIST JUBRAN KURIYAH TOOK ISSUE WITH OTHER PORTIONS OF SADAT INTERVIEW: "ECONOMIC POLICY OF SADAT REGIME INSEPARABLE FROM POLICY OF CAPITULATION TO AMERICAN POLITICAL SCHEMES IN REGION. EXACTLY AS
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POLICY OF SINAI AGREEMENT HAS LOST ALL POPULAR SUPPORT

IN EGYPT AND ME, POLICY OF ECONOMIC SURRENDER LACKS
POLITICAL SUPPORT. EXACTLY AS POLICY OF POLITICAL
SURRENDER HAS COLLAPSED, BASIS AND FOUNDATIONS OF POLICY
OF ECONOMIC SURRENDER WILL COLLAPSE."
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